

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Amended Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 139A.8, the Department of Public Health hereby amends the Notice of Intended Action published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 16, 2009, as **ARC 8399B**. The Notice proposed to amend Chapter 7, "Immunization and Immunization Education: Persons Attending Elementary or Secondary Schools, Licensed Child Care Centers, or Institutions of Higher Education," Iowa Administrative Code. The Department was unable to hold the public hearing scheduled for January 5, 2010, due to an issue with scheduling. This Amended Notice establishes a new public hearing date with seven locations.

The rules in Chapter 7 describe immunization requirements for attendance at elementary or secondary schools or licensed child care centers and requirements for immunization education of students entering institutions of higher education.

The amendments propose a change to the childhood vaccination schedule, specifically affecting the polio vaccine, based upon a new recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The amendments also add a new use of the immunization registry, which allows the Department to track inventory or utilization of pharmaceutical agents to prepare for or respond to an emergency event.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before February 18, 2010. Such written materials should be directed to Bridget Konz, Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; fax (800)831-6292. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization at (515)281-7228.

There will be a public hearing on February 18, 2010, from 9 to 10 a.m., at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

This hearing will originate from the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) Room on the 6th floor of the Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and will be accessible over the ICN from the following additional locations:

Mason City High School
1700 4th Street South, Room 276
Mason City

Ottumwa Regional Health Center
1001 E. Pennsylvania, Room 247
Ottumwa

Bettendorf Public Library
2950 Learning Campus Drive, Room 465
Bettendorf

West High School
2001 Casselman
Sioux City

Council Bluffs Community School District
2501 W. Broadway, Room 106
Council Bluffs

Department of Human Services
Pinecrest Office Building
1407 Independence Avenue
Waterloo

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization and advise of specific needs.

These amendments were Adopted and Filed Emergency and were published in the December 16, 2009, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 8377B**. The content of that submission is incorporated by reference.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 139A.8.